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Personality test for admission into Government professional colleges.

* 306 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have proposed any personality test for admitting students into Professional Colleges in the Madras State and if so, what it is and how it will be worked?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" With a view to assess the comparative merits of the candidates for admission into the Government Professional Colleges, the Government in 1952 fixed 50 as the maximum number of marks to be awarded (by the Selection Committee while interviewing candidates for selection) for the extra curricular activities like sports, National Cadet Corps activities, Social Service, and also for general physical condition and endurance, general ability and aptitude. While introducing certain changes in connexion with the admissions for the year 1954–55, the maximum number of marks to be awarded for extra-curricular activities was increased from 50 to 150."

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY :—" கனம் ராஜாஜி காலத்தில் பர்சனலிடி டெஸ்டுக்காக 50 மார்க்கும், இதரவற்றிற்கு 50 மார்க்குமாக இருந்தது. ஆனால் ராஜாஜிக்குப் பிறகு பர்சனலிடி மார்க்கை 50-ல் இருந்து 150-க்கு உயர்த்தியிருக்கிறார்கள். இப்படி அதிகப்படுத்தியிருப்பதன் காரணம் மாணவர்களின் திறமை குறைவாக இருப்பதினாலா, அல்லது கனம் மந்திரிகள் தங்களுக்கு வேண்டியவர்களுக்குச் சலுகை கொடுப்பதற்காகவா ? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" First of all, the hon. Member has mis-stated facts. He said that 50 marks were allotted for activities and that there was a balance of another 50 marks. I do not know anything about it. But 50 marks allotted formerly were raised to 150 marks because some of the members of the Selection Committee wanted the range to be wider so that ample scope might be provided for selection. That is why the marks have been raised. There was no partially shown and nobody had anyone in view."

Erection of statues for Kattabomman, Oomathorai and V. O. Chidambaram Pillai.

* 307 *Q.*—Sri G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to repair the Fort at Panchalankurichi and erect statues of Kattabomman and Oomathorai there; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to purchase the house at Ottapidaram, where Sri V. O. Chidambaram Pillai was born, and erect a monument there for him?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative."